



Policy Statement on Treating Veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

The American Art Therapy Association is dedicated to initiating art therapy programs that will help our newly returned combat military and our nation's Veterans recover emotionally, cognitively, and physically. In particular, the Association is committed to the development of outcome research that will ameliorate the effects of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other mental health problems Veteran's experience as a result of active combat. Our national initiative is to provide military with access to art therapy services in Veterans Administration Hospitals as well as clinics, medical centers, and other facilities where Veterans receive treatment.

Approved by the Governmental Affairs Committee November 2009